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Dear LLM Class of 2023,

Happy New Year! You are about to begin your *last* semester of law school, which means graduation is fast approaching. We are all looking forward to celebrating your many accomplishments. I write now to share information about our planned celebrations. Please review this information carefully and share it with your family and guests. You can find all graduation communication and planning information on our [graduation page here](#).

Law School Commencement. The Law School's Commencement ceremony is on **Monday, May 15, 2023 at 3:00 pm** at the Academy of Music. Each graduating LLM student will automatically receive four tickets to the Law School Commencement ceremony. Tickets, invitations, and the rest of your graduation packet will be available in early April. Additional tickets will be made available through a waitlist that will also begin in April. As of June 13, 2022, masks are welcomed but not required at the Academy of Music and we ask that audience members be respectful of one another's choices. The ceremony will also be livestreamed.

Law School Reception. You and your guests are invited to a Graduation Reception on **Sunday, May 14, 2023 from 2:00-4:00pm** at the Law School. You may request as many tickets as you need for this reception. Tickets are available when you pick up your graduation packets.

Alumni Family Members. We are delighted to continue a special Penn Carey Law tradition. If your spouse, partner, parent, or grandparent is a Law alum or Law faculty or staff member, you may request that this person hand your diploma to you on stage at the Law School graduation. Dean Ruger will invite your relative to the ceremony and send along a measurement form for a Law School-supplied cap and gown. On the day of graduation, your relative will be introduced and will be handed your diploma to give to you. If you have a relative who meets the criteria, please [complete the survey](#) by **March 1**.

Candidate List. You will receive information from the Registrar's office the first week of February about diplomas and your intent to graduate. Please review this information carefully. The deadline to provide diploma and graduation information is not flexible.

Academic Regalia. Although not required at the Law School's ceremony, most graduates wear academic regalia (caps, gowns, and hoods). This regalia can be ordered through the Penn Bookstore at the **Graduation Fair on March 22, 23, and 24**. More information will be available shortly.

University of Pennsylvania Commencement. The University-wide Commencement Ceremony is also on **May 15 at 10:15 am** at Franklin Field. You can find more information about the University's graduation programming [here](#).

Accommodations. As you might expect, graduation is a very busy time for Philadelphia. Please make travel and lodging arrangements as soon as possible. You can find a list of Penn-preferred accommodations [here](#), some of which have Penn discounted rates. You might also find it helpful to review Penn's visitor planning guide [here](#).

Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to May!

Best,
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